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Serial No.: 09/872,772 Group Art Unit: 2839
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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing.
- ☒ Amendment and Response to Office Action mailed from USPTO December 24, 2002.
- ☒ Request for Extension of Time for one month(s) and fee of \$110.00.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on December 24, 2002, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Response in the above referenced application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 15 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

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